

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2004/000964

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI: Progressive, Increment, Accumulate, Jackpot, Award, Bonus, Pool, Range, Threshold

USPTO: ccl/463/25, ccl/463/26, ccl/463/27, Range, Threshold

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6565434 B1 (ACRES) 20 May 2003 Abstract & Line 1, Column 8 – Line 16, Column 9	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 6012982 A (PIECHOWIAK et al.) 11 January 2000 Abstract & Line 50, Column 1 - Line 30, Column 2	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 5280909 A (TRACEY) 25 January 1994 Abstract & Lines 25-62, Column 3	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27
X	US 6110043 A (OLSEN) 29 August 2000 Abstract; Line 45, Column 3 - Line 4, Column 4; Line 50, Column 5 - Line 4, Column 6	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27

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☒ See patent family annex

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X	US 6358149 B1 (SCHNEIDER et al.) 19 March 2002 Abstract & Lines 25-63, Column 2	1-3, 7-18, 24, 25, 27

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report				Patent Family Member			
US	6565434	AU	24977/99	AU	24978/99	AU	24979/99
		AU	24981/99	AU	27192/95	AU	32346/99
		AU	35878/95	AU	48478/97	AU	61905/98
		AU	74161/98	CA	2234681	CA	2272499
		CA	2442442	CA	2442444	CA	2443301
		NZ	330189	NZ	500706	US	5655961
		US	5702304	US	5741183	US	5752882
		US	5820459	US	5836817	US	6162122
		US	6254483	US	6257981	US	6319125
		US	2001055990	US	2002058546	US	2003148807
		US	2003228904	US	2004002378	WO	9612262
		ZA	9803158	ZA	9903643		
US	6012982	AU	19175/95	CA	2183874	EP	0742930
		US	5580309	US	6168523	WO	9522811
		WO	9815928	ZA	9708793		
US	5280909						
US	6110043	AU	10969/99	AU	55976/01	CA	2308776
		US	6146273	WO	9921630		
US	6358149						
Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.							
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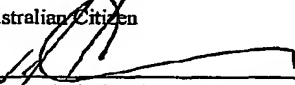
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